

# The Blue & Gray Sports Section

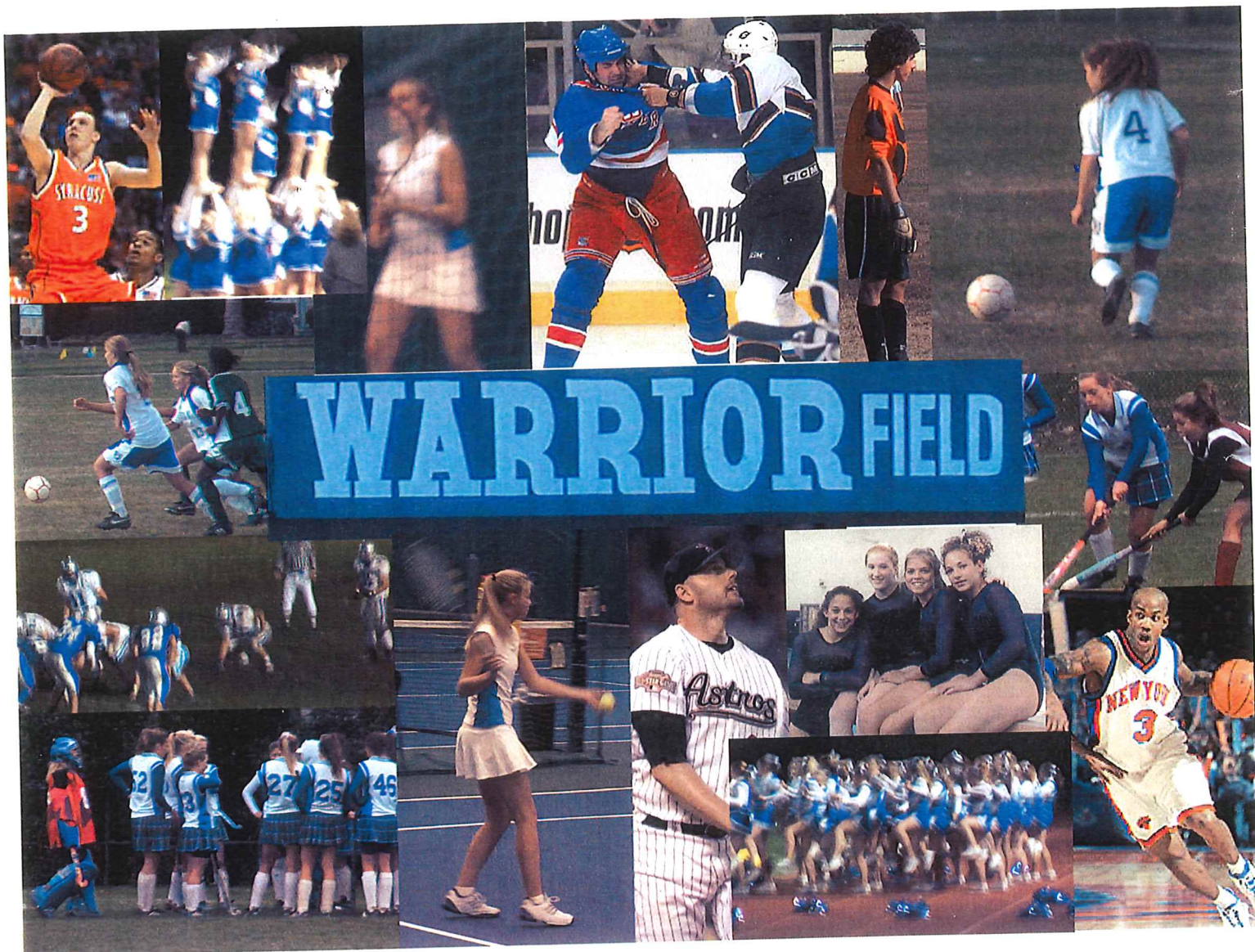
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# Editors' Opinion

Every single issue, Matt Gebhard and Brendan "Boomer" Ward will be bringing their own personal opinions about a hot topic in the world of sports. There will be a new and completely different topic each and every month. Enjoy.

## NBA institutes new dress code

### Matt's View

The NBA has implemented a new dress code and most of its players aren't happy. Yes, the NBA is a business. And a business has a right to want to be represented in a good way by instituting a dress code for its employees. However in this case the business is the NBA and its employees are over paid brats that think they own the world (the NBA players).



*Allen Iverson*

Some players have taken special dislike to the new dress code, mainly Allen "A.I." Iverson, who said "I'm a grown, 30-year-old man. I don't need to be told what to wear." Some players have even gone far enough and have called the dress code racist towards the NBA's black players. Now this I disagree with. Okay yes, NBA players or any player in any sport for that matter deserves to wear what they want. However this is the NBA where most of the players are black and you can't implement a dress code that discriminates against almost the entire league.

Not only do the players have to wear a jacket, long-sleeves, slacks or jeans, and the appropriate shoes and socks, while entering and leaving the arena, but even when they are injured and are supporting their teams on the sidelines. What is the big deal if the player wants to wear his jersey and a pair of jeans that represents his team so he can support them?

This not only will be enforced towards players but coaches and owners as well. Owner of the Dallas Mavericks Mark Cuban is probably the only owner in sports that does not wear formal attire. Cuban, instead, wears either a Mavericks jersey or some other attire that does not include a jacket, slacks, or formal shoes.

I guess what I'm really trying say is that most players in the NFL, MLB, and NHL wear suits and ties to all their games and it's relieving to see laid back players in street clothes, on the sidelines supporting their teams. Even to see a young owner like Cuban who instead of being an owner in a suit and tie worrying about revenue, he actually cares about his team winning and not because it makes him more money. The league should realize that the players are not only representing the league but themselves as well.

### Boomer's View

David Stern, the commissioner of the NBA, did a good thing in adopting a "business casual" dress code for the NBA. Despite many groans and whines from players, it is clear that the NBA dress code is here to stay. The dress code will go into effect on November 1st when the first game of the season is played. I personally do think that this is a good thing.

The new dress code would call for every player to wear a long or short-sleeved dress shirt with dress pants or jeans, and appropriate shoes and socks. If a player is at the game but not playing, then that player must wear a sport coat and dress shoes. The code would ban sleeveless shirts, shorts, jerseys, headgear, chains, headphones, and other things.



*Tim Duncan*

The NBA is a business. The employees (the NBA players) of a certain corporation or business represent that business by how they look. If you have seen NBA players during press conferences or when they are entering the arena, you will agree that their dress attire is atrocious.

The players, through their attire, represent the NBA poorly. I understand that basketball is influenced by hip-hop music, but the players should respect their organizations, teams, coaches, and themselves enough to look respectable when in the public eye.



*NBA Commissioner David Stern and Mavs' owner Mark Cuban*

If the NBA dress code goes well and there are few alterations and suspensions, then I feel that every league should adopt the dress code. Players should have enough respect for the game and for their organizations to look good when seen in the public eye. Doo-rags, chains, and throw-back jerseys don't look respectable at all. These over-paid players must at least respect the game a little bit and dress nicely.



# MLB Baseball

## The Second City Claims First

By: Matt Gebhard

"8 teams, 1 champion". That is what baseball's 2005 playoff slogan was. Four teams from the AL and the NL; square up in a best of five game League Division Series (LDS), in best of seven game League Championship Series (LCS), and of course the same seven game playoff format also follows to decide baseball's Champion in the World Series.

Representing the NL was the Cardinals, Braves, Padres, and the wild card Astros. In the AL the White Sox, Angels, Yankees, and wild card Red Sox. The San Diego Padres snuck into the playoffs with a record that barley resembled .500, as the Yanks and Red Sox clinched their spots in dramatic fashion on the last few days of the season. The White Sox who almost saw their 15 game lead over the Indians evaporate, swept the Indians in a four game season finale keeping the Indians out of the playoffs once again.

Once all the teams were set, the playoffs

began.

Despite the

White Sox being the top seed they were booked as underdogs playing the Defending World

Champion Boston Red Sox (let's please try to forget the '04 ALCS).

In surprising fashion the White Sox swept the "Sawks" in three games and advanced to the ALCS where

the waited to play either the Angels or Yankees. Their LDS series began in Anaheim, which is where the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim (most ridiculous name ever) play their home games. The Yanks took game one in Anaheim and took the series back to New York, in good position, tied at one. However bad pitching on both sides forced a game three loss for the Yanks. In game four the Yanks got the best of a pit

forcing a game five. The yanks scored first but the Angels scored more and won game five to advance to the ALCS for the

first time since 2002.

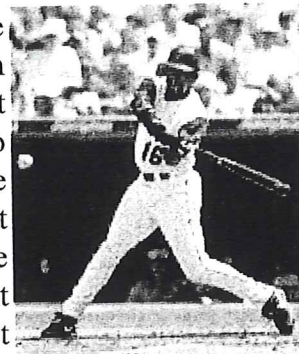
The NLDS

postseason

game ever.

The LCS' proved

began with the Cardinals taking on the Padres in what most expected to be a 3-0 sweep. The experts turned out to be right and the Padres, who most think shouldn't have been there in the first place,



Garrett Anderson

went down without a fight. However the Braves and Astros put on a great show. In an elimination game for the Braves in Houston, the Braves led 6-1 heading into the eighth and looked like they would head back to Atlanta for the final game of LDS. However the Astros had other plans, in the bottom of the eighth Lance Berkman hit a grand slam to narrow the gap to 6-5. Then with the Braves one out away from forcing

of the ninth, Chicago first basemen A.J. Pierzynski, struck out but it was ruled that the catcher Benji Molina dropped the ball, meaning the batter can run to first if he is not thrown or tagged out by the catcher. The Angels began to walk off the field and couldn't believe that Pierzynski was called safe, as they believed he struck out and the catcher Molina didn't drop the ball. The Angels argued that the home plate umpire did not signal that Molina dropped the ball. Chicago won when later Pierzynski scored on a walk-off double by Joe Crede. The White Sox would also win the series 4-1, and advance to their first world series since 1959.

In the other LCS' the Astros and Cardinals squared off in a rematch of last year's NLCS. In second game of the series the Astros became the first

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Craig Biggio

game, the Astros' Brad Ausmus hit a solo shot to tie the game and send it into extras. In fact, the two teams thought they'd put two games into one and ended 18 innings! The game ended with a dramatic solo homerun by rookie Chris Burke. The game lasted nearly six hours which is the longest



# NHL Hockey

## Hockey's Back

By: John Scharff & Jess Sinkhorn



After a long awaited sixteen months, true hockey fans can once again eat, sleep and breathe hockey. The lockout alienated fans, players, and sponsors who saw the sport almost completely forgotten. But now hockey is back and on October 5<sup>th</sup> all thirty teams played. The NHL reported that the average attendance for opening nights fifteen games was 98% capacity signaling that hockey's return was well received.

On opening night, people saw new rules in action. One of these regulations is the removal of the center red line which in turn eliminates the two line pass rule. Now that the red line has been disregarded, teams can transition from defense to offensive rushes more quickly keeping the opposing defense on their



NHL legend Mario Lemieux

toes. The Players Association created this rule thinking they would attract and excite more fans. Another rule to attract fans and make the league more competitive is the removal of ties. Now, if teams are tied at the end of regulation, a five minute, four on four, sudden death overtime is played. If teams remain tied, a five man shoot out occurs until a winner is determined.

One rule that some players and fans do not agree with is the new icing rule. For instance, when a player sends the puck the length of the ice from behind their red line (otherwise known as icing) that team is not allowed to change players on the ice. This contradicts the things young hockey players were taught because some coaches tell you when you are tired to "ice the puck" so you can change. Other rules include smaller goalie equipment, new rink dimensions, and stricter officiating.

This year there are many new names in the hockey world especially

because last years rookies never played. This means that the new players come from last years draft and the most recent draft. Each team's roster may consist of seven to eight rookies. Some of the standout rookies this season are Sidney Crosby, age 18, of the Penguins, Zach Parise, age 21, of the Devils, and Alexander Ovechkin, age 20, of the Capitals. Each one of these players has represented their country's Junior National teams and has had great success playing in Elite hockey leagues around the world.

Even though there are many new players this year, the classic veterans can not be forgotten. Returning superstars include Jerome Iginla of the Flames, Peter Forsberg of the Flyers, and Martin Brodeur of the Devils.

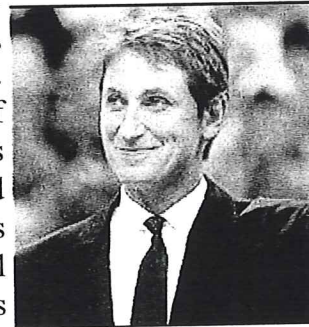
Mario Lemieux has thrilled fans by coming out of retirement to play in Pittsburgh with the prodigy Sidney Crosby. Wayne Gretzky has also made his



Martin Brodeur

return to the NHL but not as a player. This year he will be displaying his coaching skills for the Phoenix Coyotes.

Due to the lockout last season, the return of some players who were on the verge of retirement was questionable. Mark Messier and Brett Hull, each over 40 years old, decided to hang up their skates for the 2005-2006 season.



Wayne Gretzky

If you haven't watched a National Hockey League game yet this season, we suggest you check it out. The games now have become a lot more exciting knowing that there will be a winner and a loser each night. Sadly, you will not find any games on ESPN, but you will see most games either on MSG, OLN, and TSN. You can also go see a game up close and personal at your local arena because tickets have decreased in price.

Note that all 690 hockey players are up for Come-back Player of the Year



# NFL Football

## Defense and Fantastic Finishes Headline NFL

By: Matt Gebhard  
Weeks 4-7

Week four of the NFL is usually the week that separates the contenders from the pretenders. Undefeated teams try to stay undefeated while maybe some 1-2 or 0-3 teams try to rebound and get their seasons back on track.

A could be contender, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, held the Detroit Lions in a defensive struggle 17-13 victory. Another pleasant surprise has been the Cincinnati Bengals. Despite the Bengals only sacking Houston's David Carr twice, when he is usually bombarded, they still won the game 16-10. Not so much a surprise as the Bengals or Bucs, the Redskins also began their season undefeated. The Redskins came off their bye week with an overtime win over the Seahawks, 20-17.

On the other hand the Minnesota Vikings have disappointed most critics, including a week 4 loss to the Falcons 30-10. Losing Randy Moss apparently wasn't such a good idea like most people thought. The Jets have also disappointed most people as they lost for the second straight week. Curtis Martin had another sub-par performance in a 13-3 loss to

the Ravens also let their fans season. In be Brett



who have d o w n so far this what could Favre's

last season in the NFL, could be his worst as the Packers fall short in the loss the Panthers on Monday Night.

Week 5 of the NFL brought along many surprise victories. The hometown New York Jets took on an undefeated Bucs teams in the Meadow Lands. With Vinny Testaverde at

the helm, the Jets won 14-12 as the Bucs failed to reach the end zone. The defeated (0-4 at this point now 1-6) Packers took on the emotionally plagued New Orleans Saints, and opened up a scoring barrage as they routed the Saints (2-4), 52-3. The Cowboys, 2-2 at the time, also looked to

push their record on to the winning side as they took the Defending NFC Champion Eagles. The Eagle offense didn't manage a touchdown as the Cowboys Drew Bledsoe, had a career day crushing the Eagles 33-10. Finally on Sunday night the Bengals Chad Johnson may have been able to resuscitate the football in his touchdown celebration,

but he could not resuscitate the Bengals as they lost game number one 23-20 to the Jaguars.

In Week 6 fans saw the defenses of the NFL doing something

they usually don't do...score. First the Steelers fell to a disappointing (4-2) as they lose to the Jaguars (4-2) 23-17 on a Rashean Mathis 41 yard interception return for a TD in OT. In another overtime game, the Giants mounted a last second, fourth quarter comeback to tie the Cowboys (4-3) but could not hold them off in overtime as the "Boys"

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## Players of the Week



**Week 4:** The Giants biggest off season acquisition **Plaxico Burress**, caught 10 balls for 204 yards and 2 TD's in Giants win over the Rams in the Meadowlands.

**Week 5:** Patriots Quarterback **Tom Brady** went 22-27 with 350 yards 3 TD's and had a QB rating 140.4 as the Patriots clung on to a 31-28 victory over the "Mike Vick-less" Falcons.

**Week 6:** **Santana Moss**, former Jet's receiver/kick returner had 10 grabs for 173 yards and scored both of Washington's TD's en route to a 20-17 win over the Seattle Seahawks in overtime.

**Week 7:** **Jeremiah Trotter** of the Philadelphia Eagles has 9 tackles, 1 sack, 1 INT, and 1 forced fumble in an exciting 20-17 win over the Chargers

**Week 8:** **Tiki Barber**, the Giants' running back, ran for a career-high 206 yards rushing with 1 T.D. in a blowout victory over the Washington Redskins 36-0



Vinny  
Testaverde



# Squan H.S. Sports

## Players of the Month

By: Zuri Malick

### Owen Boyle - X Country

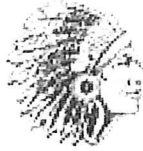
This issue we have nominated Owen Boyle as the player of the month. Owen is a huge asset to the boy's cross-country team this season. The squad is currently 7-4 in dual meets, and placed 19<sup>th</sup> in the Shore Conference Tournament. Owen told us that they could have made the top 15 but R.J. Clayton dropped out and their 5<sup>th</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> man, Steve Hacket, was injured. Even though Owen is a diehard team player, he also has many personal goals that he is well on his



way to fulfilling. Some of these goals include getting ranked in the top three in the state. Last year Owen clinched a very impressive 6<sup>th</sup> in the state. Owen is the team's captain this year, but he also relies on his fellow senior, R.J. Clayton. When asked if the team's success this season was simply because of him he replied by saying, "No I wouldn't say that, one man doesn't make a good cross country team, sometimes its better to have a better 5<sup>th</sup> man than a 1<sup>st</sup> man."

### Chase Fitzsimmons & Dana Tausek - Girls' Tennis

This issue we decided to pick not one but two people for female athlete of the month. The two people we picked were Chase Fitzsimmons and Dana Tausek, the tennis squad's star doubles team. They recently just placed a very impressive second at states. Dana says that they were very happy about placing so well, but what really got them excited was beating the Holmdel doubles team, which was the only team they lost to this season. Both of the girls are very pleased with their success this season. Neither of the girls sees themselves as standout



## Coaches' Corner

By: Matt Gebhard

Coach Cahill has been coaching the Warriors attacking the strength of defensive secondary for the team and stopping them quite sometime now. This year the boys ended their regular season at (7-1) and (6-1) in divisional play including a route against "coach-less" Holmdel 35-0.

The defense has been a big part of the Warriors success this season allowing just 37



Coach Cahill

points in 8 games (they have scored 266). Coach Cahill said "The team has progressed nicely and it is really showing with an outstanding record this season."

The coach prepares his D-backs every week with a scouting report on the opposition's wide outs and other receivers. He

says, "Our main goal is attacking the strength of the team and stopping them at what they do best. When the defense needs a big stop in a passing situation for the other team."

Cahill says, "We are a team that doesn't like to run a lot of different coverages.

We just try to stop with our normal base coverage."

Coach Cahill commented that there have been a lot of key players that have contributed on defense this season. Especially Brian Wheeler who the coach says is "On pace to shatter the school's sack record."

leaders because the team really is more of a family and that everybody is there to support each other. Dana was upset with the overall team's showing at states. She said that the team went into states pretty much knowing that they would win. With an upsetting loss, Dana and Chase feel that the team's expectations

for this season were not met. Despite this they feel like they have met their own personal goals, by placing second in doubles at states, and beating the Holmdel doubles team. Dana commented to a Blue & Gray reporter, "(I am) really excited and relieved that everything is almost over."



# Squan H.S. Sports

## Boys' Soccer Makes History

By: Jess Sinkhorn

The Warriors boy's soccer record continues to improve steadily. Their current status is 10-7-1.

Squan played Colts Neck for the second time this season on Friday the seventh of October in a tight match. Robert Sopko helped the Warriors pull away with a 1-0 lead to end the half but unfortunately, the Colts Neck boys rallied back to a 2-1 win over Manasquan.

On October 17<sup>th</sup>, RBC came to the army camp hoping to shatter Manasquan's playoff hopes. It looked as if they might during the entire first half, where Red Bank Catholic was leading 1-0. But the Warriors exploded in the second half with an final score of 4-1. Andy Pinella scored twice and both Robert Grieb and Kevin Fitzgerald tallied up a goal. With the win, Manasquan received the honor of being in the Shore Conference tournament where their first game was lost to Brick Memorial.

Manasquan's first Shore Conference game was tragically lost to Brick Memorial after regulation,

two overtimes, and a shoot out was played. Regulation time is usually 40 minutes and each over time was ten minutes. Manasquan played their hearts out as a team and deserved to win the game but failed to finish off Memorial when they had the chance. When the game came down to a shoot out, Squan lost 4-2. Warrior goalie, Taylor Weiss, played one of his best games and he put up a valiant effort. His team gathered around him, even after the loss, and praised his well played game.

Before playing Manasquan's first State game in 12 years, the Warriors played a regular season game against Long Branch, to stay warm. Manasquan remained energized for a November 1<sup>st</sup> game against Rumson Fair Haven in which it was an exhilarating 5-0 win. Individual goals were scored by Moises Iniguez, Robert Sopko, and Jay Hasuga. The other two goals were by Zach Grozienger.

Good Luck to the boys as they continue their run in states.



## Girls' Soccer Falls Short

By: Nick Blunda



Ryan McGrath

After getting off to a pretty impressive start, the girl's soccer team lost a few close games, putting their record at 9-10.

The girl's soccer team had a tough season with some very close games. Many of the team's games have gone into overtime and others only with a goal difference between the two teams.

Needing a .500 record to make it into states, the team came up just short, not qualifying for the state tournament.

In the Shore Conference Tournament the girls had a tough first round game, losing to Jackson. The girls were knocked out of the tournament early, but had a good season, just coming up short in a few games.

## Gymnastics

By: Matt Gebhard

The gymnastics team is coached by Mrs. Gmitter. On the team is freshman Melissa Voskian, and juniors Kate Golding, Ashley Aquinlante, Lisa Bartholomew. Mrs. Gmitter admitted that do to an injury to Golding (Back) this year; the team's record was not very good. Aquinlante, Golding and Bartholomew had par records this season. However the coach said that Melissa Voskian has shown real talent by putting the best record on the team. Despite the bad team record, the girls still had fun.

This year is the first that there has been a full team. The team practices and host meets at Devlin Gymnastics in Wall. The only returnee's from last year's team are Aquinlante and Golding. They were



# Squan High School Sports

## Girls' Tennis Falls in Finals

By: Nick Blunda



*Robin Morris serves the ball*

The girls tennis team finished off an amazing season with only two losses, both coming to the hands of Holmdel. Senior captains Robin Morris (third singles) and Gretchen Amberg (second singles) led a very young team.

The team fell short in the state tournament, but advanced all the way to the finals in the Shore Conference Tournament. The Warriors took on Holmdel at the Atlantic Club on Friday, October 28.

Holmdel overpowered the Warriors, taking the match 4-1. The Hornets of Holmdel were led by the best player in the state, Jackie Wu.

Despite the team losses in both the state tournament and the Shore Conference Tournament, the girls still had their individual state tournaments. The first doubles team of Dana Tausek and Chase Fitzsimmons advanced all the way to the finals of the NJSIAA Doubles Tournament. Dana and Chase have gone the furthest of any Shore Conference team since the doubles tournament began in 1999. The doubles team defeated Wall in the quarterfinals and Montclair Kimberly Academy in the semifinal to advance to the championship. Unfortunately, the girls fell to Westfield in the final. Despite not winning it all, Dana and Chase should be proud of their excellent achievement.

The team looks to return next year better than ever. With only two seniors leaving, it looks as if the squad will be very good next year. Congratulations to the girl's tennis team on an excellent year.



## Field Hockey Makes States

By: Allie Vadas



*Amy Rea*

Manasquan Field Hockey continues through the postseason with high hopes. The Lady Warriors started the second half of the season with a strong win over Holmdel, and looked really confident in each other.

Then the rain came and stayed. The Lady Warriors had a lay off of ten days without a game. However

practiced continued in the gym for a week.

Squan played Middletown South in their first game back from their long layoff. Despite two second half goals by the Lady Warriors, they could not defeat the Eagles, in a 3-2 loss.

The girls put that game behind them and focused on their next game which was the first round of Shore Conference Tournament Shore Regional was their first opponent.

The girls headed into the game confident, and played well. Underclassman Madeline Schatzman, Alex Lopez, and Eileen Langan stepped up big for the Warriors. But unfortunately, miscues in the first half had the Warriors down, 3-0, and unable to come back.

The Lady Warriors lost a tough battle against Saint John Vianney on Monday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. The Lancers picked up a quick goal in the first half, and the Warriors were stuck playing catch up the entire game. Margaret



*Heather Carhart*

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Scorpio  
(Oct 24-Nov 22)

*Push redial.*

You'll be playing phone tag a lot with someone near the 19<sup>th</sup>. Keep it up and it will turn out to be worth your while. Midmonth, chill out and invite some friends over for take-out and DVDs. Lucky days: 1<sup>st</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>

# Horoscopes

By: Almy Egan



November 9 & 21



Sagittarius  
(Nov 23-Dec 21)

*Take care of business.*

Jupiter will inspire you to get organized this month. Also, around the 29<sup>th</sup>, ask for a raise or apply for a new job since Jupiter is giving you a career-boosting edge. Lucky days: 4<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>



Capricorn  
(Dec 22-Jan 20)

*Brighten up.*

You may be feeling bored around the 7<sup>th</sup>. Try going doing something new with your friends. Try not to lose your temper near the 19<sup>th</sup> when Saturn puts a glitch in your plans. Lucky days: 7<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>



Aquarius  
(Jan 20-Feb 18)

*Pick your battles.*

Hold back when a useless friend-of-a-friend insults you. Later on, Mercury will help you put them back in their place. Be sensitive to a friend near the end of the month when they need to vent about an important issue. Lucky days: 8<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>



Pisces  
(Feb 20-Mar 20)

*Plan ahead.*

Mercury could cause complications if you're going on a trip after the 14<sup>th</sup>, so double-check your reservations. Venus is telling you to relax and take some time to yourself to recharge near the 25<sup>th</sup>. Lucky days: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>



Aries  
(Mar 21-Apr 20)

*Talk things out.*

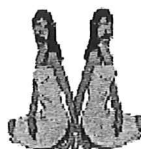
Resist firing off a nasty e-mail to a classmate or colleague who isn't doing their share of work around the 17<sup>th</sup>. Also, spend some downtime at home when you're overstressed on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Lucky days: 12<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>



Taurus  
(Apr 21-May 21)

*Play it straight.*

Be honest about your feelings and you'll get what you want before the 8<sup>th</sup>. Then near the 16<sup>th</sup>, prioritize to get it all done when Mercury makes work crazy. Lucky days: 2<sup>nd</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>



Gemini  
(May 22-June 21)

*Go techno free.*

Turn off your laptop and your cell when Pluto makes you frazzled around the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Then, talk to a mutual friend before you fall for a sneaky friend's sob story. They may just be trying to get money from you. Lucky days: 9<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>



Cancer  
(June 22-July 22)

*Get to the point.*

When a rude acquaintance tries to take advantage of your kindness, tell them to quit using you as a doormat. Stay on top of your finances near the 22<sup>nd</sup>, when Jupiter's cash-expanding influence could lead to a windfall. Lucky days: 6<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>



Leo  
(July 23-Aug 22)

*Ask for TLC.*

Lean on friends when Saturn sends family drama that makes you blue early in the month. Stay calm if you don't get your way under selfish Pluto around the 9<sup>th</sup>. Lucky days: 5<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>



Virgo  
(Aug 23-Sept 23)

*Snap out of it.*

Explore a new town or take a trip to the city to break out of a rut around the 12<sup>th</sup>. Also, Virgos are influential leaders, so on the 15<sup>th</sup>, use your team-building skills to cool off a flare-up at school or work. Lucky days: 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>



Libra  
(Sept 24-Oct 23)

*Change your plans.*

You're dying to get out of the house and go out around the 21<sup>st</sup>, but you sense your best friend isn't up to it. Let them off the hook and find someone else to have fun with. Also, watch your step when Mercury makes you prone to embarrassing moments after the 17<sup>th</sup>. Lucky days: 13<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>



# Random Chat

By: John Girard



*Okay, number two. I chose to speak with Meg Wallace and J.P. Blair. My motive was to talk with two of the quietest people that I know. But I soon realized that J.P. is quiet and Meg is not so quiet. Man, do I feel like an idiot.*

**John:** Alright. Let's begin. J.P., what do you hate most about redneck NASCAR fans?

**J.P.:** Um, I don't know. Yeah.

**John:** Okayalright. Have you ever been involved in a vicious, bloodbath catfight during a lacrosse game, Meg?

**Meg:** That's funny. A few times.

**John:** Alrighty then. J.P., have you ever gone out "souping" before?

**J.P.:** Yeah. (Goofily nods his head.)

**John:** Nice. So Meg, have you ever wanted to be hoisted up on a chair like people do at Jewish and Italian weddings?

**Meg:** Yes of course. Who doesn't?

**John:** Heck, I know I have always wanted to. That'd be freaking awesome. Here is one last question for both of you. Would you rather drink a dozen raw eggs, or a shake consisting of pureed olives and pickled pigs feet?

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## CD Review

# The Poison

By: John Scharff

Bullet for My Valentine's full-length debut, *The Poison* released October 3<sup>rd</sup> in Britain, is a huge step toward gaining worldwide attention in the metal world. Straight from the heart of the UK and recently signed to



New Jersey based Trust Kill Records, *Bullet* is ready for world domination.

Drawing from their influences of early Metallica and Iron Maiden, their fast chugging riffs and screaming guitar solos will appeal to any metal head.

*The Poison* opens with a dark instrumental, complete with a backing orchestra, and then right into fast guitar work, screaming vocals, and heart pounding double bass. After that, the album never lets up.

The third song on this album "4 words (to choke upon)" may be already familiar to some. It appears on the sound track to video games such as NFL 06' and NHL 06' by EA Games. The fifth song on the album, "Suffocating Under Words of Sorrow", is the first single from *The Poison*.

Another song, "Cries In Vain", which also appeared on *Bullet's Hand of Blood EP*, is one of the softer songs on the album. However, it still delivers thought provoking lyrics and melodic guitar harmonies.

*Bullet for my Valentine* is preparing to bring their intense live performance to the states in support of this amazing album. Such an excellent band with this good of an album is likely to explode onto the metal scene in the US. Just remember where you heard about them first!

**J.P.:** I guess the shake. I'm not too sure. Where do you come up with these questions?

**Meg:** A dozen eggs. No question.

**John:** Alright-either way, that's foul. Later.



# October Jumble

By: Greg Harvilla

1. Released on DVD in November, this is the final film to be made in an immensely popular sci-fi series  
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geeerun fo het hits

2. A town ordinance usually enacted on Halloween and the night before, too.



-weucfr

3. One of the most purchased Halloween costumes of 2005

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4. A holiday similar to Halloween that is celebrated in Mexico

-yad fo het eadd

5. A famous horror movie stalker

-lichmae yermis

## CD Review

### Sunrise Over a Sea of Blood

By: Ron Kubik



Mortal Treason comes out strong with "Sunrise Over a Sea of Blood," a follow up album to their classic "A Call to the Martyrs."

The band has undergone many line up changes, leaving front man Seth Kimborough, as the only original member. He still brings straight up Christian lyrics, and screams that would send chills down even Dracula's spine.

The music is still heavy, but carries more of a metal vibe and less rhythmic changes than the last album. The breakdowns will be more than enough for plenty of haymakers in the pit.

Mortal Treason has definitely made a much better attempt with a new lineup change than Norma Jean, who destroyed themselves with a new singer.



All in all this new C.D. is very powerful and filled with crazy heavy music containing extremely religious

and positive lyrics. Definitely a must buy C.D., whether you're into the Christian gig or not.

## Answers to Senior Guess Who

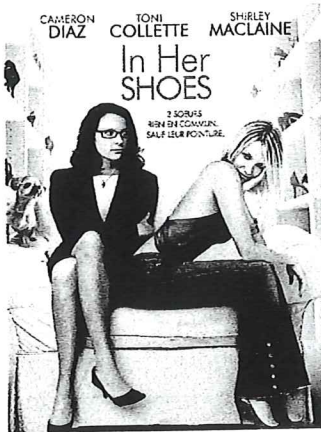
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| 1. Mary Kate Duggan | 2. Kevin Ryan    |
| 3. Pete Boyan       | 4. Mike Reynolds |
| 5. Jaqi Tumas       | 6. Krista Blaes  |



# Movie Review

## In Her Shoes

By: Callie Peters



Based on a novel by Jennifer Weiner, *In Her Shoes* is a hit movie with well-known actresses Cameron Diaz, Toni Collette, and Shirley MacLaine. The movie is long, but it keeps you interested. Before

it came out, this movie was labeled as a chick-flick, but has since proved to be the exact opposite.

Maggie and Rose Feller are sisters, best friends, and rivals. Maggie is a flirtatious woman who can't keep a job. Rose, on the other hand, is a lawyer who is the first to arrive at work and the last to leave. When the trust between the two is severed, Maggie sets out to find her long-lost grandmother, who lives in a retirement community in Florida.



Her grandmother, Ella, lets her stay and Maggie gets a job. Ella suggests Rose comes to visit, but Maggie won't call her. Ella writes Rose a letter herself, but doesn't tell her Maggie is there. When Rose shows up, both girls are surprised and mad to see each other.

If you're interested to see how it ends, and like romance, drama, and comedy, head over to the movie theatre to check it out. However, if you are more into thrillers or action movies, I don't suggest seeing it.

# If...

You could spend an unlimited amount of money in any store, what would it be?

By: Tina Carbone and Sam Buddle



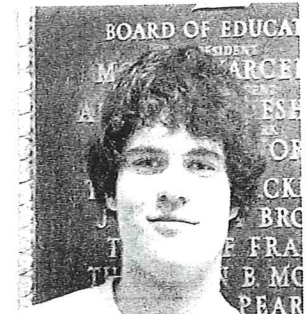
Merritt Mckay:  
"A&P"



Courtney DeSantis:  
"Target"



Courtney Carpinello:  
"CostCo"



Kent Ochse:  
"3rd Ave Surf Shop"



Amylee Sanders:  
"Tiffany & CO"



Sue Molyneaux:  
"Abercrombie"



## Healthy Living

By: Callie Peters and  
Nicole Bogan

With winter approaching and fewer opportunities for students to be active outdoors, we must watch what we are eating more than ever. Our meals need to be more well-balanced.

Walking through the cafeteria you can see students with all carbohydrates and sweets. This is not the combination you want. With foods in the cafeteria up to 1,000 calories per meal, students don't realize how many calories they are actually consuming.

Substituting an item every day in lunch with a vegetable or fruit can dramatically increase your healthy lifestyle. For example, instead of having french fries and a cookie, try substituting the cookie with an apple.

Another tip that can help you lose weight is keeping track of your total fat and sugar intake. Decreasing the amount will not only help you be healthier, but feel better as well. More energy and smoother skin tone are two additional benefits.

Portion control is also extremely important. If you don't have the willpower to resist that cookie, then split it in half with a friend or save the other half for the next day. This will save you from consuming too many calories with any meal or snack.

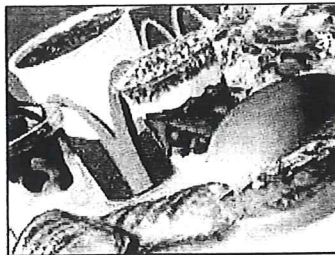
We hope you will use these tips and we hope you'll find them helpful when summer comes and its time to take out those bikinis.

Your favorite FA's

## Calorie Count

By: Callie Peters and Nicole Bogan

Do you really know how many calories you're taking in when you go to a fast-food restaurant?



### McDonald's

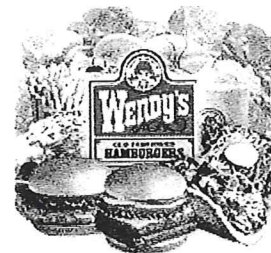
Big Mac: **492** calories  
Fries (regular): **207** calories  
Hamburger: **254** calories  
Quarter Pounder with Cheese: **515** calories



### Domino's Pizza

One slice: **171** calories  
1 Cheesy Breadstick: **142** calories  
1 Buffalo Wing: **45** calories

**DID YOU KNOW...**  
**About 60 minutes**  
**of walking (4mph)**  
**burns the calories in**  
**1 Wendy's medium**  
**fries.**



### Wendy's

Medium Frosty: **298** calories  
Baked Potato: **310** calories  
Medium Fries: **400** calories



### Burger King

Cheeseburger: **379** calories  
Croissan'wich w. Sausage, Egg, Cheese: **520** calories  
Bacon Double Cheeseburger Deluxe: **708** calories  
Large Fries: **450** calories



### Kentucky Fried Chicken

1 Chicken Drumstick (Extra Crispy): **195** calories  
Medium Fries: **294** calories  
Potato Wedges: **279** calories



# Fend For Yourself Night: The Horrors of Making Your Own Dinner

*By: Christian Ries*

It's been a long day of school and even a longer day of work. Excited for a home cooked meal, I rush home only to find the house empty. I flick on the light and find a note that reads, "Out with Grandma. Fend for yourself." I emit a sarcastic "Great" and plop myself on my couch. What's a hungry man with limited culinary knowledge to do when he has to feed himself?

One answer can be found in Ramen Noodles. Any idiot can make them, just boil water, throw noodles in, add flavor, and let sit. Not only are they easy; they're filling and cheap. If you are one who is home alone a lot, go get some Ramen, you'll thank yourself in the long run.

Another solution is frozen dinners. Ok, frozen dinners have gotten a bad rep over the years, but when you're desperate for food, they're quick, easy and taste decent. They also cater the need for an array of people; for you on the hungry side, there are Hungry Man XXL dinners, and for you "watching your carbs" there are the Healthy Choice dinners.

If you are fending for yourself more than 2 nights a week go get some cereal. Cereal is simple, cheap and you can eat a lot of it. Plus, with the amount of different cereals on the market, you can't get bored. You can eat Fruity Pebbles one night and eat Smart Start the next. "Cereal has been my savior many a night," said Junior, Travis Gassner. If you have been left to scavenge recently, you have realized that cereal is not just for breakfast any more.

If all else fails, there are always leftovers. Leftovers, however, can be a godsend or a nightmare. If you find yourself with leftover Thanksgiving, score! But if you find yourself staring into a Tupperware filled with meatloaf and peas, quickly close the lid and refer to your other options.

So before you dive headfirst into a take out order, first assess your above options. If all else fails, proceed with dialing for your takeout. And for those have never been in a "fend for yourself" situation, be thankful and prepared for one rude awakening.



It's another "fend for yourself" night, and Christian Ries looks frightened when he sees his only option for the evening's dinner: leftover vegetable soup.



*Hint: If your parents are out, invite yourself to a friend's house for dinner.*



# Opinion / Editorial



## Ramblin' On

Anything about Everything

By John Girard

*Well here we go with more ramblin'. I received a good response from both my classmates and my readers about the first issue so I decided to stick with it. Allow me to say it again; try being open-minded while reading this.*

This next paragraph is about a certain store that makes me so angry, angry to the point where I would beat little children to a bloody pulp. And enjoy it. Stoka Boka

in Red Bank, New

Jersey. Allow me

to be perfectly

blunt. Stoka

Boka makes

3<sup>rd</sup> Ave Surf

Shop look like

an appealing

store. I recall one

day at work when I

heard a radio commercial for

this poor excuse for a surf shop. The

first words of the commercial were,

"Come to Stoka Boka brah." For the

love of god, don't say "brah." You

don't sound cool. I actually had the

displeasure of going into Stoka Boka

one day. The only kid in the store

couldn't have been a day over 11. I

walked in, keenly studied the building

and its contents and said, "So, this is

Stoka Boka huh?" The somewhat

frightened 11 year old replies, "Yeah

brah, where the stoked get stoked."

I didn't even reply. I was so angry

that I had even bothered to go in. I

felt filthy. God I hate that place.

Here's another thing that

really grinds my gears. People who

come up to me after I get a hair cut

and insist upon running their probably

dirty fingers through my hair. Why

touch me? You can see the hair cut,

can't you? It's like everyone I see

after I cut my hair has some sort

of a sick fetish with my head. It's

my hair not yours. Don't touch me.

Has someone ever cut

in front of you in a

line? Odds are

its happened

to you. I

hate line

cutters and

yet whenever

someone cuts

in front of me

I remain silent and

never say anything. I guess

that's my own fault. But seriously,

why cut in line? Picture this scenario.

Some freaking idiot cuts in a line.

Little does this idiot know that he cut

in front of a heavyweight wrestler.

The wrestler then proceeds to beat the

cutter to an oblivion. I would laugh so

hard that I would pop a blood vessel.

To conclude, the following

people should avoid this writer at all

costs: people who shop at stupid Stoka

Boka, fools who find the need to run

their fingers through my hair, and soon-

to-be dead line cutters. Well that's

enough ramblin'. Thanks for reading.

"It's like everyone  
I see after I cut my  
hair has some sort of  
sick fetish with my head."  
-John Girard

## Lowering the Voting Age

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the selection of law-makers.

American youth not only pay taxes, but they pay a lot of taxes. Yearly, teens pay approximately \$9.7 billion in sales taxes alone. We also pay millions of taxes on our income and billions to local, state, and federal governments. This isn't just a small percentage either; eighty percent of teens work at some point before they graduate from high school.

Allowing youth to vote would increase voter turnout. There would be more people eligible to vote and parents bringing their children to the polls would have reason to vote. Also, a habit learned early in life is more likely to stick with you. If 16-year-olds were allowed to vote, high schools could help them register and get used to voting to form the habit before they graduated.

The entire American Revolution was fought mostly over taxation without representation. That is exactly what's happening here again. Only this time it's not all of America who is being affected, but the youth. It's time for reform, to change the voting age to sixteen and let *all* of the people control the government which controls them.

Taxation without  
representation  
was the leading cause  
of the American  
Revolution



# Drinking and Driving -Don't Mix the Two

## The Importance of Staying Sober while Driving

By Lauren Speirs

Every 31 minutes, someone in this country dies in an alcohol-related crash. And just last year alone over one million people were injured in alcohol-related traffic accidents. In one year in the state of New Jersey, 773 people were killed in car accidents and 41% of those were alcohol-related.

Driving under the influence of alcohol or other drugs was listed as the greatest highway safety problem by the largest percentage of respondents, according to a 2005 Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) Nationwide Insurance Survey.

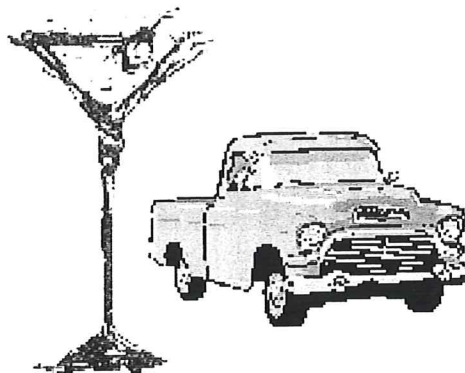
This is obviously a major concern with any driver because some accidents can result in a person who wasn't under the influence being hurt or even killed. Since all of the students in our school are new drivers, there are many concerns among parents with the safety of the roads late at night.

The more a person drinks, the more their ability to make crucial driving decisions becomes impaired. After just one drink, a driver can begin to lose their ability to perform the tasks necessary to drive a car: braking, steering, changing lanes, and using judgment to adjust to changing road conditions. At a certain point, a driver will become legally intoxicated and can be arrested for attempting to operate a motor vehicle.

According to Mothers Against Drunk Driving, your best defense against drunk drivers is to wear your seat belt. Never ride in a car operated by someone who has been drinking-instead, call a cab or ask a friend to drive you home.

Use four-lane highways whenever possible, and always report drunk drivers to law enforcement -- you will be helping to keep the roads safer. Lastly, keep a safe distance from anyone driving haphazardly or unsteadily.

Don't ever let your friends drive drunk. Take their keys, have them stay the night, get them a safe ride, call a cab, or do whatever else is necessary - but don't let them drive!



### Top Reasons People Choose Not to Drink and Drive

- 96%-Realize they could kill or injure others
- 91%-Realize they could kill or injure themselves
- 91%-Jail Sentences
- 89%-Possibility of losing their license
- 85%-Paying substantial fines
- 85%-Having car impounded
- 81%-Installing an ignition interlock in vehicle if caught
- 80%-Fear of losing their job
- 80%-Sobriety checkpoints
- 80%-Increased auto insurance rates

# Community Mourns Trevor Dickson

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trying to fix a wheel and something happened, causing the board to slide out from underneath him. He hit his head and was unconscious. There was no hospital nearby, so a helicopter was sent to him. Unfortunately, on his way to the hospital, he died.

A memorial was held for him on October 9th on The Big Island in Waipi'o Valley, Hawaii. A local memorial was held October 16th at the Manasquan Inlet Beach.

Trevor was known for a lot of things. Kyle Fort, a friend of his, commented, "Whether it be surf, skate, or bike, I guess you could say he was 'born to ride'".



This love of riding defined Trevor. In his memory a fundraiser called Forever Trevor, is headed by senior Danny Addis. The cost is \$1 to enter a raffle for a helmet or gift certificate to Inlet Outlet. Danny's family is very close to the Dickson family, and they want to promote safety awareness. Unfortunately, Trevor was not wearing a helmet during the accident. The hope is that some positive can come from Trevor's tragic death.

Although it's a terrible shame he is no longer here, he will always be remembered. He is survived by his warm-hearted family, including his mother Margaret, father Allan, and sister Abby. He will be missed greatly.



# Floods Frustrate Monmouth County

## Rain Puts Local Towns Underwater

By Kaitlyn Turi

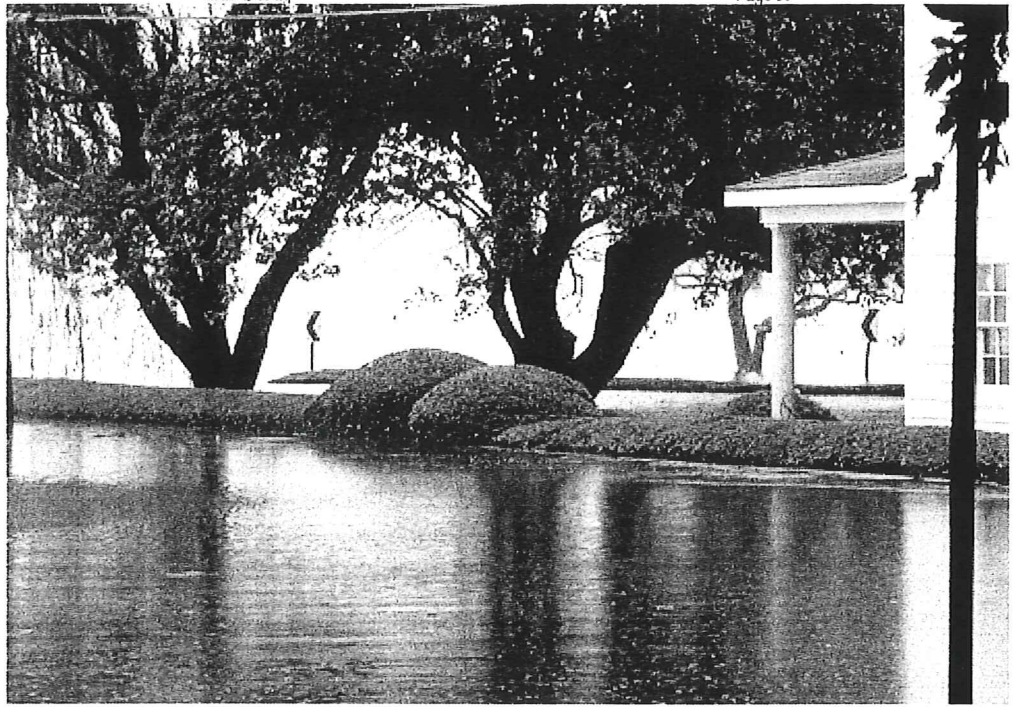
As of Monday, October 17, 2005 the damage from flood waters in Spring Lake, Spring Lake Heights and Belmar, New Jersey is deemed to be in the millions. Eight consecutive days of rain was too much for residents along bodies of water in Spring Lake, Spring Lake Heights, Belmar, Ocean Township and Loch Arbour.

Rec Pond in Spring Lake Heights and Lake Como between Spring Lake and Belmar were just two of the bodies that overflowed, disabling the use of streets and invading people's property, homes and automobiles. Roads in Spring Lake and Belmar were closed Friday because of flood waters. Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup> an earthen dam broke at Allaire State Park, adding to the frustration.

Emergency crews spent most of Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> helping residents pump water from their basement and helping to restore electricity and gas services to hundreds of homes. Approximately 4,000 customers of Jersey Central Power & Light Co. were without power early on Sunday.

Republican NJ Representative, Christopher H. Smith is working with the Governor's Office and the White House to get New Jersey declared a Federal Disaster Area. Once this occurs it allows the state to begin receiving federal funds for those in need from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

It is hoped that many of the local bodies of water will be back to normal by Friday the 21<sup>st</sup>, if not by Wednesday the 19<sup>th</sup>.



*The floods caused millions of dollars of damage after eight days of rain in the surrounding shore area.*



# Science/Technology

## Scientist Pays \$20 Million for Space Travel

By Maggie Ward

Imagine paying \$20 million just to go into space for ten days. On October 1, sixty year old Gregory Olsen did just that. He paid \$20 million to jump aboard a Russian Soyuz rocket from Kazakhstan. This adventure makes Olsen the world's third paying space tourist. He told press reporters that he doesn't like the "space tourist" tag being put on him.

The United States scientist and businessman made his fortune in New Jersey. He is the chairman or the board of directors and co-founder of Sensors Unlimited Incorporation of Princeton, New Jersey. His company makes devices for fiber-optic communications and infrared imaging.

Olsen has taken the trip very seriously and is enjoying it to the fullest. Dedicating two years of his life to this trip he said, "It's not just a hop on-and-go kind of thing." Olsen also commented that his dream has finally come true. "It's like the price

and value argument. This is something I wanted to do, I love doing, so to me, yes, it's worth the money."

It was reported that Olsen was not afraid during the trek up to space; he was only scared he wasn't going to get the chance to go. Prior to his take off, he encountered unspecified medical problems, which many thought would delay his trip. Fortunately, he was able to take off and he said, "Once I felt that rocket push off from the ground, I just felt that sense of relief and joy."

The space adventurer returned just a few days ago with Russian Sergi Krikalev and American John Phillips; both had been aboard the space stations for six months. They were replaced by American William McArthur and Russian Valery Tokarev, who joined Olsen on his blast off.

With hard work and some connections, anyone can go into space. You just have to have a spare \$20 million lying around your house.

## Are Pay Phones Becoming Obsolete?

### Phasing Out the Pay Phone

By Maggie Ward

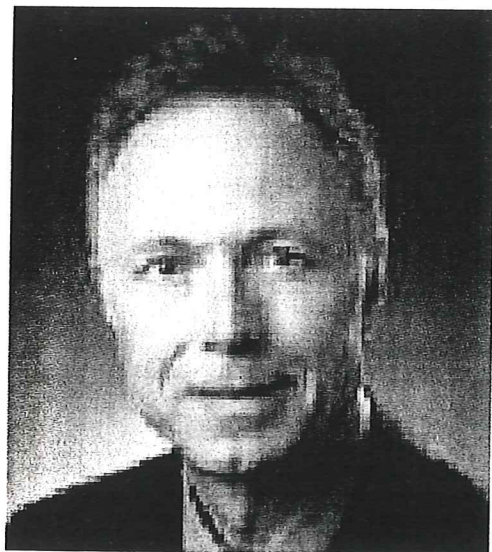
If you take a drive on a town's main roads, you will notice something. Pay phones are becoming less and less popular. For some towns like South Acworth, New Hampshire this is seen as a serious problem.

Residents in the town are not given the right to use cellular telephones because the town simply does not get cell phone reception. Pay phone use is the only way people can communicate if there ever were to be an emergency, but there is only one pay phone. Police and volunteer fire departments have to resort to using the pay phone when their radios are not working.

Pay phones are now considered a disappearing species to some people, with the ever so common use of cell phones, BlackBerries, and other new technologically advanced devices and gadgets. Instead of watching someone searching for a quarter and a dime, you'll see people driving and walking down the street with their cell phone practically glued to their ear.

According to the Federal Communications Commission, there were nearly 2 million pay phones nation-wide in 1997 and only about 1.3 million were reported to have been operated last year. Towns and communities nation-wide are

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Gregory Olsen, 60, paid \$20 million for a ten day trip to space.





# The Manasquan High School Spanish and French Honor Societies Induct New Members

## Nine Students Make the Commitment

By Michelle Kurc and Nicole Hawkins

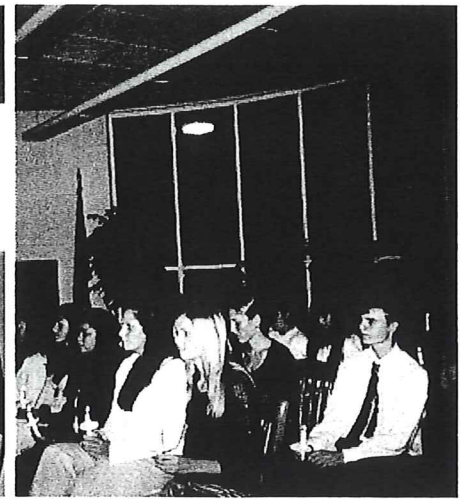
Muy bien! Nine new members were inducted into the French and Spanish Honor Societies on Thursday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

At the induction ceremony each new inductee signed in, lit a candle, and stated the pledge. Two famous poems by international poets, "Caminantes son tus heullas" and "Prologue" were recited. The moment was very special.

The students inducted into the Foreign Language National Honors Society were Matthew Adams, Megan Caughey, Almy Egan, Colleen Kerrigan, Angelica McCormack, Diane Mantlick, Jennifer Peters, Elsamelia Rojas, and Dana Schulz.

These students all fulfilled the necessary requirements to be inducted into the honors society. These requirements are: at least three levels of Spanish or French, an A average in the class, good character, interest in helping others, and good role models for other students.

Learning new languages helps develop a strong connection between different people, races, and religions. The societies try to help with whatever they can, whether it be charities, fundraisers, or other organizations. Last year, for instance, they helped the Haitian community replace what they had lost after a devastating hurricane had hit them. This year, they also helped with the Hurricane Katrina Relief, by donating clothes and other needed supplies. Lastly, these students tutor other students struggling in lower level foreign language classes.



Clockwise: Almy Egan and Katie Dwyer are members of the French Honor Society. New members hold their candles as part of their induction. Current members enjoyed the ceremony and remembered what it was like for them.



## Señora Vergara-Teacher Feature

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She knew that she students are polite, and the Manasquan school system has a lot to offer students.

If you ever walk by Señora Vergara's class you'll probably hear music drifting down the hall. Music and singing are an integral part of her curriculum. She said she has to have a good laugh in class at least once a week.



Violence awareness week took place October 17th-21st. Posters adorned the walls of the school urging tolerance and respect for others.



# "Professional" Parent Preaches

## MHS Plays Host to Guest Speaker

By Courtney Magee and Larissa Reto

A special guest was present in Manasquan High School all throughout violence awareness week. His name is Mr. Arnold Herman. Thanks to Mrs. Sanders, the schools student assistance counselor, this very special man was hired to come in and talk to specific groups of students. Mr. Herman was also here to talk to parents on the night of Wednesday, October 19th.

Raising thirty-two children, five of which were his own, Mr. Herman knows what he's talking about when it comes to teenagers. They came from all over. Twenty-two of them were brought to Mr. Herman from the DYFS agency. Three of them were from the state's family court system. Neighborhood teens who were having difficulty at home would come to Mr. Herman. Members of his own family would come live in his house. Twenty-eight of the thirty two teenagers that he raised were female. Many of them were hard to handle, abused youngsters who had previously been through multiple foster homes. However, Mr. Herman successfully raised these thirty two teenagers, and learned a lot from doing it. Now, he shares his experiences with other people in

hopes to help them with difficult family situations.

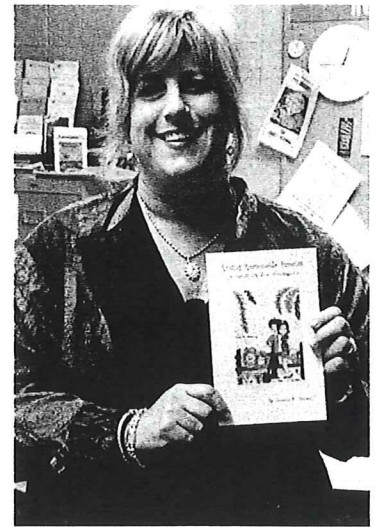
After raising all these teenagers, Mr. Herman started an organization called Experience Counts Inc. He also wrote two books. One book is titled Bring Back the Woodshed. This book is for parents on how to raise teenagers. His other book is called Raising

**"Raising thirty-two children, five of which were his own, Mr. Herman knows what he's talking about when it comes to teenagers."**

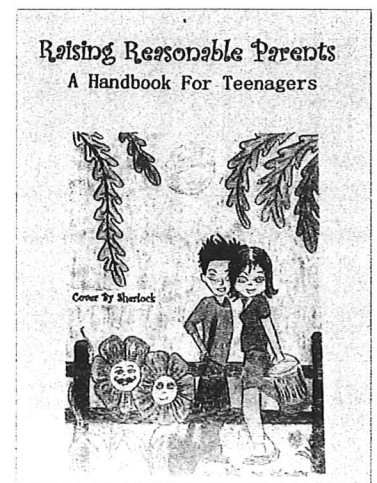
Reasonable Parents, which is a handbook for teenagers on how to "raise" their parents. In each of the books, Mr. Herman discusses the many experiences he had raising thirty-two teenagers, and on how to deal with the many struggles raising them can bring.

Mr. Herman came to Manasquan High School for violence awareness week to talk about how to communicate with your parents, and how to avoid bad situations. He saw many cases of child abuse, and violence in his home and he learned how to get

through it. The students here learned a lot from simply listening to the stories he told. Mr. Herman expressed how students need to talk to their parents, and make an effort to keep them involved in their lives. By doing this, children will remain closer with their parents and you will have a much stronger relationship. He also taught parents to hear their teenagers out, and to be completely fair in their role as a parent. All in all, Mr. Arnold Herman's visit to Manasquan High School was an extremely important learning experience for our community.



Mrs. Sanders (above) holds a copy of Arnold Herman's book (below)



Mrs. Mangan purchased a display case where past yearbooks can be viewed. Using money she received in recognition for being Teacher of the Year in 2004, along with donations from a grant Mr. McCormack earned. Currently 26 books are presented, ranging the years from 1931-2005.



# Health Careers Club Kicks off Year with New Members

By Courtney Magee  
and Larissa Reto

Manasquan High School's Health Club is run by Mrs. Tellone-McCoy. This year's Health Club has three goals; help students learn about health careers, improve the health of the school and community, and improve health and fitness. The Health Club has one to two meetings per month and usually meets in the evening. They also have different guest speakers come in and are always looking for new members.



Club presidents: Nicole Bogan heads the Health Club and Meg Wallace leads the Key Club



Mrs. Tellone-McCoy

# Key Club Volunteers

By Courtney Magee  
and Larissa Reto

Run by Mr. Mawn and Mrs. McKenzie, the Key Club is actively involved in a large number of community service projects. Presently, members are collecting food for the annual Thanksgiving food drive. All high school students can contribute to the food drive and earn merits for their donations. The Entertainment Books are also on sale on Monday and Wednesday after school in center hall. And Christmas wreathes are on sale now. See a Key Club member for more information. The Key Club meets on the third Wednesday of every month.

# Band Day at West Point Draws Musicians Together

By Greg Harvilla

On Saturday, October 1, 2005, the Manasquan High School Warrior Marching Band and Dance Line traveled to West Point, NY to take part in the United States Military Academy's annual Band Day performance. Before the football game began, the band joined twelve other high school marching bands in an extensive tour of the campus and an exciting "Full Military Review on the Plain" ceremony in the morning, which included acrobatic parachutists leaping from helicopters high above the ground. After the first half of the game between the Black Knights of Army and the Huskies of University of Connecticut, all thirteen bands, totaling over a thousand musicians, performed a halftime show on the field. The show included the songs "Blister In the Sun," "Knock On Wood," and concluded with a powerful rendition of Grand Funk Railroad's "We're An American Band." The band and dance line members were worn out after a long day of marching, but everyone agreed that band day was an amazing experience.

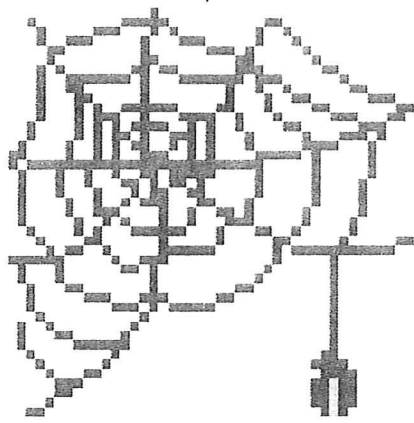


(Above) Members of the Marching Band toured the West Point grounds during down time when not preparing to perform (below).

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# The Adventures of Ron

Real Life Horror, not  
Halloween Fiction Anymore

By Ron Kubik

This month I will be taking you on a journey deep into the woods of the legendary Pine Barrens. I had this adventure exactly a year ago with some fellow friends from Manasquan. Vin Kull, and Jess Van Houten. Tagging along on the trip was my rhythm guitarist Dave Cortez. We went back into the woods to the Purgatory House because Jess and Vin wanted to witness true fear. What was seen there has stayed there, but now it is time to release this story.

First off, to get there just take 70 west into South Hampton and you will see a street that says Purgatory, park the car, hop the fence, begin your journey. The trip starts right over the gate as you walk back into the woods and are beheld by nothing except darkness. So flashlights are needed/ if you want to remain calm.

Walk into the woods. Continue down the trail. Then you will see it. An abandoned house in the middle of the woods. What lies inside are enough myths and legends to scare the

wits out of a grown man.

After walking back into the woods for awhile you will see the house. There it stands abandoned in the middle of the woods. Why is

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this magnificent Victorian house standing alone in the woods? Why is the trail that leads here blocked off?

These are questions that have no answers. Many myths have been spread such as the suicide of a small girl. Vin and Jess started to look nervous when we entered the house, but Dave and I had been here before so we helped them to stay cool.

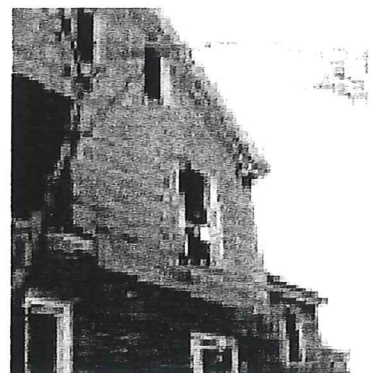
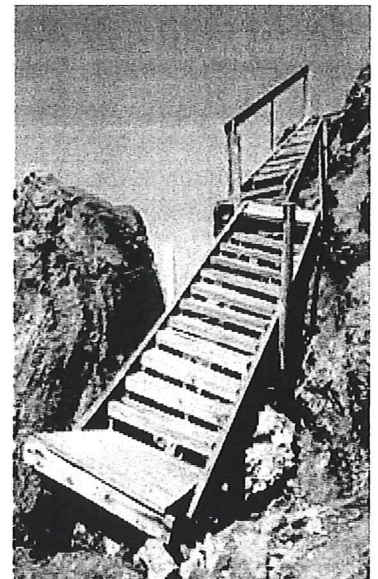
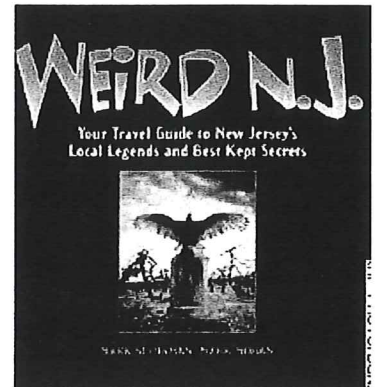
We walked around the house observing the pentagrams that were drawn on the walls and demonic chants painted everywhere. The vibe began to get very eerie, it was time to enter the attic.

Entering the attic, I could smell the fear in Jess and Vin but they were very good sports. We explored the old paintings dated in the early 1900's all over the attic. All the paintings had blacks and grays and made the mood even more nerve wrecking.

Dave and I left the attic and now it was Vin's turn. He took two steps then SNAP! The step broke! Vin screeched in vain and had to leap down on the floor to land safely.

His eyes showed fear and even to this day he still says to me, “Wow do you remember when the step broke now that was scary.” Jess also stated, “Remember when the step broke on Vin that was scary @#%\$! I'll admit that purgatory house was definitely scary.”

I will not tell you all of the mysteries in the Purgatory House you must go there yourself. If you do, be prepared, you should bring a flashlight and something to protect yourself with, you never know what you shall find.....or see.







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# Student Spotlight

## Mike Falciani Named Student of the Month

By Larissa Reto and Courtney Magee



Mike Falciani, a senior from Sea Girt, was named Student of the Month for October. Mike was excited to receive such an honor. Through all his hard work and effort he really deserves this award. He is a member of the Key Club, DECA, and the Academy of Finance. Mike is a student athletic trainer for football, is on the hockey team, and the baseball team at Manasquan High School. On top of everything he does for our school, he does a lot for his community as well. He is part of the Sea Girt Fire Department and is on both Manasquan and Wall's First Aid Squads. In the little free time that he has, he likes to relax. When asked how he felt about being picked for student of the month, Mike stated, "It is pretty cool, I didn't think I would ever get something like that." Congratulations Mike!

## Congratulations Mrs. Certo!

Samantha Grace Certo, was born April 9th, 2005. She was eight pounds and fifteen ounces. Samantha (pictured right) enjoys her first day at the beach.



# Teacher Feature

## An In-depth look at Señora Vergara

By Kaitlyn Turi

This month, we will be following a teacher's journey from Caracas, Venezuela to Missoula College in Montana to Manasquan High School in Manasquan, New Jersey. This is our very own Spanish teacher, Señora Vergara.

Señora Vergara teaches all levels of Spanish in the High School. She is also in charge of the Manasquan High School Spanish and French Honor Societies. Right now the Spanish students from the



society are beginning to tutor students in Spanish. At the moment there are eleven students being tutored in the library during lunch studies.

Señora Vergara didn't start out here though. She is from Caracas, Venezuela where she attended five years of High School (required in Venezuela). In High School she learned English and her mother also spoke English at home. She attended Universidad Central de Venezuela in Venezuela and then transferred when she was nineteen years old to Missoula College in Montana.

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